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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 17-32 are allowed. Claims 1-16 have been canceled herein. Accordingly, claims 17-32 will be pending and allowed upon entry of this Amendment.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement because the rejected claims allegedly contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to allow one skilled in the relevant art to which it pertains to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims.

In response to the Examiner's rejection, but without conceding the correctness thereof, applicants note that claims 1-16 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

Summary

Applicants note that the claims now pending in this application, i.e. claims 17-32, are allowed. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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